Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2040: Completing Our Streets

STAFF REPORT June 13, 2012 Updating the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2040: Completing Our Streets* (2040MTP) started over a year ago and has involved the input of a wide cross section of the community. First and foremost was the Lafayette and West Lafayette Engineers and the County Highway Executive Director. There has also been extensive input by the Citizen Participation Committee and from individuals at several public meetings and discussions with stakeholder groups. The end result is a more inclusive transportation plan with greater emphasis on bicycling, walking and transit as legitimate transportation modes.

Staff is predicting that by year 2040 the community's population will exceed 250,000. To house that population we will need to construct almost 100,000 new dwelling units. The *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County* continues to guide where the new growth will occur. Residential growth will continue to the south, east and now the north east of Lafayette as well as to the north and west of West Lafayette. Industrial growth will continue to be in the southeast of Lafayette and northwest in West Lafayette in the Purdue Research Park area.

The plan documents a need for more than \$1.6 billion in highway improvements by 2040 with state highways accounting for 57% and local roads 43% of the total. However, there are insufficient funds to address all the needs. The list of highway projects that are sponsored by local jurisdictions has been financially constrained to reflect what this community might reasonably expect to receive from the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Local and other sources of funding will be used to meet many of the needs not funded with Federal funds. There remain, however, more needs than funds available. Part of this 2040MTP also discusses being more efficient and sustainable in using available resources.

The 2040MTP includes a Complete Street Policy that requires federally funded projects to be designed for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users in addition to motor vehicles. It also includes a policy to use 10% of our conventional federal aid funding for bicycle facilities, trails and sidewalks that are constructed independently of a larger highway project.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2040: Completing Our Streets is available through a link on the APC website:

https://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/egov/docs/623131336682926.pdf

The Technical Transportation Committee and the Administrative Committee have recommended its adoption to you.

Staff Recommendation

Adoption by the following resolution T-12-5.

Resolution T-12-05

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR 2040 COMPLETING OUR STREETS

- WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for transportation planning in Tippecanoe County; and
- WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization staff has worked with the Technical, Citizen, and Administrative Committees to develop the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2040-Completing Our Streets*; and
- WHEREAS, the open public comment period has been available since January of 2012 when staff was actively soliciting input from the public, that time period exceeding the 45 days prior to this meeting, which culminated in this public hearing on the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2040-Completing Our Streets*, and
- WHEREAS, the Citizen Participation Committee reviewed the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* for 2040-Completing Our Streets on May 22, 2012, and was recommended for adoption by the Technical Transportation Committee on May 16, 2012 and by the Administrative Committee on May 22, 2012.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED, that the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, does hereby adopt the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2040-Completing Our Streets*.

Adopted on Wednesday, the 20 th of June, 2012.		
President, APC Roland K Winger	Secretary Sallie Dell Fahey	